



On the Plains

Idalia News

School news

Idalia baseball team played Flagler Saturday at Flagler and won. They will play Fleming at Idalia at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Funeral Service

Frieda P. Wudtke died March 22, 2004 at Hillcrest Towers in Wray. She was born October 27, 1911. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27 at St. John United Church of Christ with Reverend Ralph Datema officiating. Organist was Sharilyn Mansfield and soloist was Jim Sharp. Escorts were Lawrence Ebeler, Gary Moellenberg and Dennis Wudtke. Interment was at St. John United Church of Christ Cemetery south of Idalia.

Baby Shower

A baby shower in honor of Julie and Chris Soehner was held Sunday afternoon, March 28 at Homestead Memorial Building with 39 attending. Julie opened up her gifts assisted by some of the children; Faith Carpenter, Lauren and Maddie Soehner. Julie received a wonderful assortment of gifts, Ashley Hurbert assisted with the gifts, too. Out-of-town guests were Rhonda Soehner, Becky Bledsoe, Lauren and Maddie Soehner, Lucille Bledsoe, Maxine Brenner, Wodie Scarpella all of Wray and Donna Reve Guy of Kington, Tenn.

Family Community Education Club

Bicentennial Family Community Education Club of Idalia had their annual card party Saturday night, March 27 at Prairie Vista Restaurant hosted their husbands with a total of eighteen attending with delicious finger food, coffee and iced tea served. They played Crazy

Pitch. Those winning low prizes were Linda Evans, ladies and men's low was Bill Lippert, men's high prize was won by Gary Soehner and ladies high prize was won by Lois Lippert. Hostesses were Cindy Soehner, Susan Knodel, Beverly Weyerman and Elsie Shanks. Everyone had a good time at the party changing tables.

St. John United Church of Christ

St. John United Church of Christ invites everyone to come join them. Sunday school for all ages is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Palm Sunday and Easter communion will be held.

April 4, St. John will sponsor the Passion of Christ movie in St. Francis. The group will meet at the church at 5 p.m. and leave at 5:05 for the 6 p.m. movie and then return to the church for discussion.

April 9, Good Friday service

April 11, Easter Sunday Sunrise breakfast and regular Easter worship is at 11 a.m.

Junior and Jerry Wiesshaar attended the singing and fund raiser for the Burlington Catholic Church Sunday afternoon at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Burlington.

Arla Hall had to have more surgery. They removed her hip to treat it for staff infection and when they get it cleared up they will put the hip back in. Cards can reach her at Village View Calla, 1815 Freeman Avenue, Fort Morgan, Colo. 80701.

Rickie Beckman hurt his leg recently playing basketball and is still suffering with a sore leg. Word has been received from Ida Thomas who is still staying with her

daughter and husband, Elmer and Sharon Lifgthle taking chiropractic treatments and consulting the doctor. Her address is 504 Washington, Goodland, Ks. 67735.

Gary and Brenda O'Brien of Alabama, niece and nephew were last Friday visitors of Virgil Lundvall and Violet Knapp and dinner guests and visitors of house guest Shirley Richards. They took them all out for supper and left the next day.

Shirley Stafford Richards, cousin of Grand Junction helped Virgil celebrate his 87th birthday Friday and left for home after dinner, ice cream and birthday cake and drove all night and had 30 miles of ice and snow before she reached Grand Junction. Virgil had a wonderful birthday and also had another birthday cake given him that they froze. Someone wrote happy birthday Virgil on his window. Ellen Lengel brought a potted tomato plant to him Sunday and showed him how to plant it.

Troy Flick of Colorado Springs was a Monday through Friday guest of his mother, Evelyn Flick and taught a safety class for two days in Wray. He also installed a water softener.

Anita Jimmis of Wray was a Tuesday afternoon visitor of her mother, Evelyn Flick.

Larry and Janie Beckman spent last week at Cancen, Mexico viewing the area. It is dry down there also.

Larry and Janie Beckman were Sunday visitors of their son and family Robbie and Marcy Beckman, Tyler and Kristian, Atwood.

Rhonda Monheiser, a business

and economics professor at Northeast Junior College was awarded the prestigious Jerome F. Warygrow Teaching with Technology award during the Colorado Community Colleges systems faculty of the year luncheon Feb. 11 in Denver. Rhonda is the daughter of Gerald and Katherine Zion of

Idalia.

Elsie Shanks visited Shirley Boden last Monday afternoon.

Jennifer Novake, Cade and Britany of Denver were weekend guests of Gary and Sharilyn

By
Elsie
Shanks



Mansfield, her parents, and attended St. John United Church of Christ Sunday morning and they all were Sunday afternoon visitors of Jean Brenner in Burlington and they enjoyed dinner at the Pizza Hut.

Elsie Shanks was a Sunday dinner guest of Betty J. Moellenberg at Prairie Vista Restaurant.

Beecher Island News

By
Bessie
Dent



There were 62 at Sunday School with Jordan Reeves giving the special number and Gwen Shaver gave her birthday offering. Scott Applegate was the morning speaker.

The Beecher Island Helping Hand Club met with Doris Osmus Wednesday. The next meeting will be April 7 with Boni Osmus as hostess.

Violet Brown was a guest of the Danny Browns helping Grandson, Devin, celebrate his 11 birthday Sunday afternoon.

Dropping in to wish Gwen Shaver a Happy Birthday Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen, Violet Brown, Alan Fonte and Marlin Stute.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heath met Mr. and Mrs. Dana Lance, Dustin and Emily in Brush last Sunday. Dustin returned home with them to spend his Spring Break. The Heath's met the Lances in Otis Friday for Dustin to return home.

Kim Bowman and Austin came Tuesday until Saturday to visit family in the area. Zack returned home with them after spending the week with his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively. Joining them Friday for supper were Kevin and Todd Shively, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Bond and Keith Schorzman and girls.

Glenn Chapman came Monday to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg and his wife, Carol who had come earlier. Happy to report that Beulah is gaining every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rose spent the weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bienhoff in Kensington, Kan.

Trudie and Katie Wieser spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Suzy Richards had lunch out with

June Richers Thursday.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and girls, Sylvia Blessman met Dillon Rose and Darcie Sherlock of Grand Junction in Denver for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley had supper St. Patrick Day with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield spent the weekend in Denver with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike Goodman and Alex of Seattle, Wash. Greg Goodman and Audrey True of Dallas, Texas., and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Goodman and Aneya Nicole of Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen spent the weekend in Farmington, MN., with Mr. and Mrs. Tomm Mudd, Alisha and Asa.

Carole Whomble is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Shively recuperating from her recent surgery. Doris Whomble spent Saturday night with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorge Lassen were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Greg Goodman and Audrey True were Tuesday and Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield. Travis and Kelsey Larkin visited Violet Brown Wednesday and Thursday.

Dallas Madsen and Kinsey spent Saturday to Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and family. Joining them for dinner Sunday were Sylvia Blessman and Albert Reitz. Dallas and Kinsey are from Albuquerque and will be spending a few days with Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dent met Larry Dent at Demi's for breakfast Friday. Joyce Brown was able to join them for a few minutes.

Haigler News

By
Opal
Collicott



85th birthday

Opal Collicott, Haigler news correspondent, celebrated her 85th birthday on March 28. She has been writing the Haigler News for 55 of her 85 years.

Throughout the week, her family hosted a card shower for her. She received and so enjoyed all of her many lovely cards from relatives and friends.

On Sunday morning, her family of husband, LaVoine, and daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster, joined her for coffee, cake and gifts in her home.

Sunday afternoon, a birthday tea in her honor, was hosted by her daughters, and held in the home of LaNeta Carlock. Those attending the tea were: daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster; sister, Grace Adams; sister-in-law, Betty Myer and the following friends, Virginia Harford, Irene Day, Joann Webster, Eunice Haskell, Laura Pearl Wall, Phyllis Clark, Lillian Mahon, Deloris Zuege and Karen Kreachbaum.

Birthday and Easter decorations set a festive mood for the party. The group had great fun playing these games: candy jar guessing, spot the difference, memory test, paper bag goodies, birds and feathers and Easter puzzles. Prizes were awarded for game winners. Following the singing of the *Happy Birthday* song, blowing out candles and readings of birthday thoughts, refreshments were served. Guests enjoyed the tasty treats of cake, ice cream, strawberries, Easter peeps, nuts, chocolate candies, coffee, tea and punch.

Opal also received several special telephone calls, including one from her oldest grandchild in Michigan, whose 2-year-old daughter (Opal's great-granddaughter) sang *Happy Birthday* to her; a special friend, Vesta Woodfield, from Charleston, S.C., and an e-mail poem from her granddaughter in Colorado.

The last of her 85th birthday celebrations was on Tuesday, March 30, at the Haigler Golden Inn Senior Center. After the weekly luncheon, cake and ice cream were served for Opal's birthday. Opal said of all her 85th birthday celebrations, "It was just wonderful!"

Haigler Community 4-H Club

The Haigler Community 4-H Club will meet Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in the United Methodist church basement. Meg and Michael will bring refreshments. The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Haigler Community 4-H club, will be held on Saturday, April 10 at 2 p.m. in the Haigler Village Park. All children up to the age of 8 years are

welcome to attend.

Paige Stute, news reporter Girl Scout Troop 598

Girl Scout Troop 598 met on March 16. Morgan brought snacks. The Cadets were in charge of the flag. Roll call was answered with favorite things about spring.

The Scouts talked about the Money Smarts event they attended and all enjoyed looking at the new nickel which Jessica brought to show. Everyone really enjoyed the Girl Scout Swim Party in McCook.

Brownie Troop 524 from Benkelman joined the meeting and shared information about bridging to the Junior Scout level. Later, the girls enjoyed personalizing hand bags with fabric paint. Cookie delivery and upcoming summer camps were discussed.

The next meeting will be April 20. Stephanie and Brandy will bring snacks.

Legion Auxiliary Unit 134

Unit 134 of the American Legion Auxiliary met March 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Golden Inn. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Gardner. Reports were given and correspondence from the District and State were read.

Happy 85th Birthday to the American Legion. While the actual birthday was designated as March 15-17 in 1919, members know that celebrations will take place throughout the month of March.

On April 17 there will be an all-day session for American Legion Auxiliary members on "National Leadership and Information Conference" to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha. Members are urged to make plans to attend.

Regarding membership, please remember that membership is a year-round job and it is everyone's job! Remember that community not only includes Veterans, but other people — schools, fire, social service, health — the list is endless. There will be a day-long festival on Saturday, May 29 in Washington D.C.

As there was no other business the meeting closed.

Berniece Douglass gave the lesson on community service. The next meeting will be April 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Golden Inn. Roll call is an Easter poem and the program is Children and Youth by Mildred Stute.

Stanley and LaNeta Carlock returned Wednesday evening from the Kearney and Grand Island area. They had spent some time viewing the sandhill cranes migration on the Platte River.

Marv Carlock from Laird, Colo., visited his brother and wife, Stanley and LaNeta Carlock, on Thursday.

Marv hosted lunch from Jake's Place. Later that afternoon, he visited in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott, and delivered an 85th birthday card and gift for Opal.

Word was received of the recent hospitalization and emergency surgery for Karen McVey. For those wanting to send her a card at this time, it should reach her at the North Colorado Medical Center, Room 3480B, 1801 16th Street, Greeley, COI 80631.

Edith Daniels Atkinson died on March 24 at St. Francis. Funeral services were Saturday, March 27 at Bird City Immanuel United Methodist Church. Edith was a sister of Rex Daniels of Haigler.

Grace Adams called Thursday at the home of her sister-in-law, Grace E. Myer, in Wray to wish her an early Happy Birthday. Grace was to celebrate her birthday on Saturday, March 27, and her daughter, Linda Kielian of Denver, Colo., celebrated her birthday and spent the weekend with her.

Gerald and Betty Myer were dinner guests on Saturday, March 27, in the home of her brother and wife, Jerry and Betty Smith, in Holyoke, Colo.

Guests for the weekend of March 19 in the home of Irene Day were Claud and Vonnie Dawes, Skylar Moline, C.D., Jessica, Carson and Gracie Dawes.

Sue Livingston left Thursday, March 25, to return to her home in Columbia, Calif., having spent since March 16 visiting her sister and family, Lisa Jo, Keith, Morgan and McKinna Buck, her father, Lester Adams, other relatives and friends.

Tamda, Emily and Adam Garice from Rawlins, Wyo., Ginny, Brica and Emmitt Zuege from Imperial were luncheon guests on Saturday in the home of Albert and Sophia Zuege. Sophia returned home with the Zuege family to Imperial and spent Saturday night with them. Mary Rath and Jan and Mallory Mills of St. Francis visited with Albert and Sophia on Monday, March 29.

Gerald and Betty Myer motored to Sterling, Colo., on Wednesday, March 24, where they visited his sister, Velma Neville, at the Sterling Living Care nursing home.

Visitors calling in the home of LaVoine and Opal Collicott during the past week were Laura Pearl Wall, Iona Maupin, Grace Adams, Pastor Njenga Kariuki and the Collicotts' three daughters, LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster.

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